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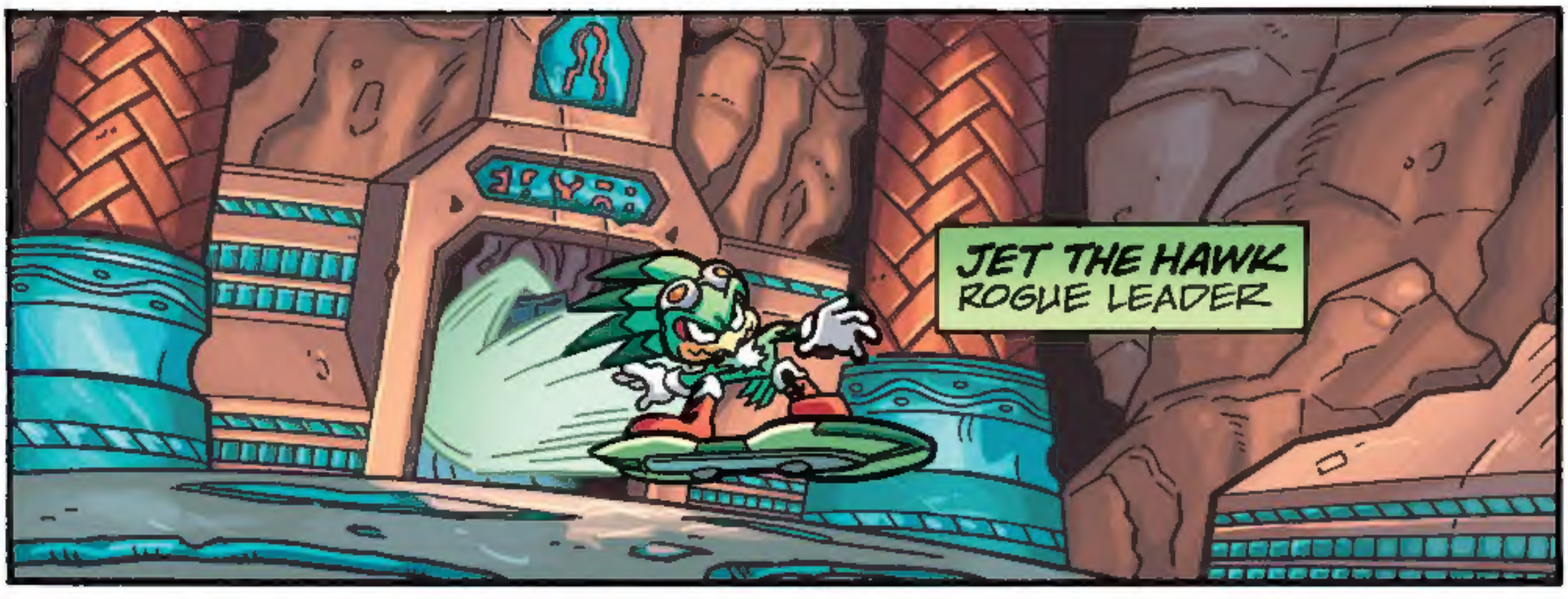
JET THE HAWK
ROGUE LEADER

WAVE THE SWALLOW
ROGUE MECHANIC

OH YEAH. THIS IS THE PLACE.
STORM THE ALBATROSS
ROGUE MUSCLE

# BABYLON RISING

## PART 1 REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES! WE JOIN THAT MYSTERIOUS BAND OF TREASURE HUNTERS KNOWN AS THE **BABYLON ROGUES** AS THEY FIND THEIR LATEST, AND PERHAPS GREATEST, TREASURE YET!

TO THINK WE MUST'VE FLOWN OVER THE GIGAN MOUNTAINS A HUNDRED TIMES, AND THIS WAS HIDING HERE ALL THE WHILE!

WELL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO FIND WITHOUT THIS BOOK WE CAME ACROSS AFTER THAT SOL EMERALD FIASCO!

SEE **SU** ISSUES 21-24. THEY ROCK!

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YEAH, I GUESS OUR TRIP TO THAT DUSTY OLD LIBRARY IN SOLEANNA WASN'T A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME.

Uh... HEY! WHEN I HEARD THAT GUY IN THE TAVERN TALKIN' ABOUT "GOLD LEAF," I THOUGHT HE MEANT A MAGIC TREASURE TREE OR SOMETHIN'!

WELL, THAT'S THE LAST TIME WE FOLLOW ONE OF *YOUR* LEADS, FEATHERBRAIN. LUCKY THING WAVE NOTICED THE BABYLONIAN WRITING ON THAT BOOK AS WE WERE LEAVING...

SINCE IT LEAD US STRAIGHT TO *THIS*...

...THE KEY TO BABYLON GARDEN!

THIS IS THE KEY TO BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?

WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT?

YES.

YES.

YOU DO KNOW HOW TO READ THAT BOOK, RIGHT? *RIGHT?*

YES, JET. I CAN READ ANCIENT BABYLONIAN!

I KNEW IT! AND THAT *OLD FOOL* THOUGHT HE WOULD BE THE ONE TO FIND IT...

"I REMEMBER THE SMUG LOOK ON THE BATTLE LORD'S FACE. I CAN'T WAIT TO WIPE IT OFF!"

BATTLE BIRD ARMADA FORTRESS, YEARS AGO...

I MUST THANK YOU FOR DEIGNING TO ANSWER MY SUMMONS, JET, AS IT SEEMS OBEDIENCE IS NOT YOUR DEFINING QUALITY.

I SUPPOSE--

AS GRAND BATTLE KUKKU THE 15TH AND BATTLE LORD OF THE MIGHTY BATTLE BIRD ARMADA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THOSE UNDER MY COMMAND OBEY WITHOUT QUESTION IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE GREAT DESTINY THAT IS BEFORE US.

BUT--

AS ALL LOYAL MEMBERS OF OUR AVIAN ARMY AVOW, IT IS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF WE BIRDS TO DOMINATE THE SKY AND ALL BENEATH IT! WE ARE POISED TO STRIKE! WE NEED ONLY TO **SWOOP...**

...AND SEIZE WHAT IS OURS!

OUR--?

YOU HAVE GREAT SKILL, JET, BUT YOU LACK FAITH. OUR MISSION WILL SUCCEED WHEN WE HAVE REGAINED THAT WHICH HAS BEEN LOST FOR SO LONG.

YOU MEAN--

YES! THE GREAT RELIC OF OUR ANCESTORS. THE BABYLON GARDEN! WE WILL FIND IT TOGETHER! AND THEN THE ARMADA WILL USE ITS LEGENDARY POWER TO SUBDUE ALL WHO STAND IN OUR--

SORRY, YOUR KUKKUNESS, BUT DOMINATING THE WORLD ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR. I MEAN, WHO WANTS THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY? FINDING THE BABYLON GARDEN DOES SOUND LIKE A GOAL WORTHY OF MY EFFORTS, THOUGH. MAYBE I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I FIND IT.

*Eh,* YOU HAVE FUN WITH THAT.

I ADMIRE YOUR GALL, BUT NO ONE SIMPLY WALKS AWAY FROM THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA. PERHAPS SOME TIME IN THE BRIG WILL REKINDLE YOUR FERVOR FOR OUR CAUSE!

THAT OLD DODO. HE'LL SEE SOME FERVOR ONCE WE FIND BABYLON GARDEN!

YES, STORM, IT IS.

AND THAT GLOWY CUBE IS THE KEY TO THE BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?

SO WHAT *IS* THE BABYLON GARDEN?

WELL, NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE. THE GARDEN WAS LOST LONG BEFORE EVEN THE RISE OF THE BATTLE KUKKUS. SOME SAY IT'S A GREAT TREASURE TROVE OF WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE. SOME THINK IT MIGHT BE A FORTRESS OR AN ANCIENT WEAPON OF SOME KIND.

SO NO FLOWERS?

PROBABLY NOT.

WHO WANTS FLOWERS ANY-HOW? THE GLORY OF FINDING IT IS WHAT I'M AFTER!

BE CAREFUL, JET! IT MAY BE BOOBY-TRAPPED!

WE'VE BEEN HUNTING TREASURE A LONG TIME, WAVE. I KNOW A TRAP WHEN I SEE ONE!

DEET!

MMMM

HHHMMM

Uh, JET? YOU **SURE** THIS AIN'T A TRAP?

SOMETHING IS POWERING UP!

BATTLE BIRD ARMADA FORTRESS ...

BABYLONIAN ENERGY SIGNATURE DETECTED

TWEET-TWEET! TWEET-TWEET!

SIR!

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS

BWOOT! BWOOT! BWOOT!

ALERT

NICOLE, HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS UNIDENTIFIED ENERGY SIGNATURE YET?

NO, ROTOR. I FIND THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO FOCUS CLEARLY AT THE MOMENT.*

*OUR HEROES HAVE JUST BEEN THROUGH THE UNSETTLING EVENTS OF "GENESIS." SEE **STH** ISSUES 224-230.

NICOLE

I'M SORRY, NICOLE. I JUST TRY TO FOCUS ON THE WORK AT HAND TO HELP ME GET THROUGH. I, *uh*... I THINK WE SHOULD GO OVER SOME NEW SECURITY MEASURES I MENTIONED TO ELIAS.

MMMMWUMWUMWUM

KER THUMM!

HALT! THOU HAST TAKEN THAT WHICH HATH BEEN PLACED HERE BY THE CHILDREN OF BABYLON! RETURN WHAT THOU HAST REMOVED OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCE! SO SPEAKETH ANGELUS, BABYLON GUARDIAN!

*Hmm.* THIS "ANGELUS" APPEARS TO BE A HOLOGRAM. I CAN SEE A PROJECTOR UP ABOVE.

JUST A HOLOGRAM? HOW'S A BUNCH OF RECORDED LIGHT PATTERNS GONNA STOP US?

HEY, ANGELUS! I'M ***TAKETHING*** THIS CUBE! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA ***DOETH*** ABOUT IT?

SHOCK!

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'TA ASKED, JET.

YA THINK?!

Ah! FORCE FIELD ENHANCED HOLOGRAPHY ALLOWING FOR CORPOREAL INTER-ACTION. I HAD NO IDEA THE ANCIENT BABYLONIANS WERE SO TECHNICALLY ADVANCED!

FASCINATING! HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HIGH-TECH WATCHDOG HEEL?

IF THE FORCE FIELDS ARE DISABLED, THE RECONSTRUCTION BEAMS WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY TANGIBLE EFFECTS, THUS REVERTING THE HOLOGRAM TO A PURELY VISUAL STATE AND RENDERING IT HARMLESS.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SMASH THE SHINY PROJECTORS!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!

Er, MAY-BE NOT.

CEASE THY ATTEMPTS AT DESTRUCTION. CLEARLY THOU ART NOT WORTHY TO WIELD THE KEY THAT UN-CHAINETH THE DIVINE WINGS.

DIVINE WINGS, HUH? WHO COULD BE MORE WORTHY THAN THE FASTEST BIRD IN THE WORLD?

THY ARROGANCE FAR OUTSTRIPS THY SPEED.

WHAT THE--!

NAB!

HEY, BIG GUY! I'M A BIRD! I DON'T NEED FLYING LESSONS!

Uh, DON'T WORRY, BOSS! I GOTCHA!

WAVE! CATCH THE KEY!!

SMASH!

WHOOF!

GOT IT!

ALMOST GOT THAT, TOO.

CLANG!

THY ADVANTAGE IN NUMBERS SHALL NOT AVAIL THEE, VILLAINS. THE MIGHT OF BABYLON RESIDES WITHIN ME AND IT IS MY CHARGE TO THWART THE ASSAULT OF THE LIGHTLESS BLACK.

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!

DIVINE WINGS, LIGHTLESS BLACK, THEE, THY, THOUEST! YOU'RE A REAL BABBLE-ON GUARDIAN ALL RIGHT.

CRASH!!

QUIT SQUAWKIN' AND GET TO WALKIN', PINKY. THIS GAME IS OVER.

UNDO THY TRANS-GRESSION WHILST THOU YET MAY... THOU HAST BEEN WARNED.

WELL, ROGUES. WE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR!

I DON'T KNOW, JET. SHOULD WE TAKE IT AFTER ALL?

YEAH. THAT LOS ANGELES GUY WAS KINDA SCARY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING! ARE YOU TWO TURNING CHICKEN ON ME? AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH?

I THOUGHT WE WERE IN THIS TOGETHER AS A TEAM. FINDING THIS, FINDING THE ***BABYLON GARDEN*** IS THE ULTIMATE PRIZE. IT'S THE REASON WE ARE THE ***BABYLON ROGUES...!***

"OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PATH WE STARTED ON TOGETHER?"

THE PAST

ARGH! IF ONLY WE HAD SOME EXTREME GEAR!

THIS CLUNKY ZEPPELIN WILL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW. YOU GUYS SURE YOU WANT TO TAG ALONG WITH ME?

YOU JUST BUSTED US OUT OF THE BRIG! I'M NOT GETTING THROWN RIGHT BACK IN! BESIDES, DR. FUKUROKOV THREW ME IN THERE OUT OF JEALOUSY! I HAD EVERY RIGHT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO HIS PRECIOUS ENGINES EVEN IF THEY WERE UNAUTHORIZED!

I DON'T LIKE GETTIN' THROWN IN THE CLINK JUST 'CUZ I CLOBBER A "SUPERIOR OFFICER"! I DON'T LIKE SUPERIOR OFFICERS. I DO LIKE YOU.

FANTASTIC! WITH OUR COMBINED SKILLS, WE'LL MAKE THESE PUFFED UP ARMADA IDIOTS BEG TO HAVE US BACK. WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THE DESCENDANTS OF BABYLON CAN ***REALLY*** DO. AND WE WILL SNATCH THE "GREAT DESTINY" RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE BATTLE LORD'S BIG BULBOUS BEAK!

HEY!

THE GUARDS ARE ON THEIR WAY. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE WINGED WUNDERKIND. THE HEIR TO THE AIR, MR. BATTLE KUKKU THE 16TH.

HOW'S IT GOING, "SPEEDY?"

YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTY HOT STUFF, DONTCHA, JET? Y'KNOW, I USED TO THINK SO TOO WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED THE ARMADA. BUT I'VE COME TO REALIZE YOU'RE JUST A... PUNK! WITH NO SENSE OF... OF HONOR! OR... DUTY!

GUYS, FIRE UP THE ZEPPELIN! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

LISTEN, KID. I KNOW YOU GOTTA BE LOYAL TO YOUR OLD MAN AND ALL, BUT HONOR IS FOR THE DEAD, AND DUTY IS FOR IDIOTS THAT ARE BETTER OFF DEAD. ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS GLORY. AND YOUR POP IS ONLY HOLDING ME BACK!

SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO WALK AWAY FROM YOUR COMMITMENT? GO ROGUE?!

THAT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

I SAID, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE.

YEAH. THIS IS ME, GOING ANY-WHERE I WANT.

YOU GOT SPUNK, KID, BUT YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE!

HRK!

TAKE ME WITH YOU...

SORRY, KID. THE **BABYLON ROGUES** ARE OFF TO MEET THEIR DESTINY. YOU'VE GOT TO FIND YOUR OWN.

OUR DESTINY!

NOW

WE ROGUES HAVE STUCK TOGETHER THROUGH THICK AND THIN...

...AND NOW IT'S GOING TO PAY OFF!

Rmmmmmr

I HATE TO POINT OUT THE OBVIOUS, BUT...

WE'RE KINDA TRAPPED.

RRRRUMMBLE!!!

THEY HAVEN'T BUILT A CAGE YET THAT COULD HOLD THE BABYLON ROGUES! STORM?

ONE EXIT, COMIN' UP!

THOOM!

RRRUUMBLE!!

THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE TUNNEL IS RAPIDLY DETERIORATING! I ESTIMATE COMPLETE COLLAPSE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!

SO, A BUNCH OF ROCK IS GONNA SQUISH US IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE QUICK, HUH?

RIGHT.

NO WAY! WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO GET GROUND INTO BIRD SEED NOW! LET'S BOOK!

RRRUMBLE!!!

CRiK-CRRRiK!

CRACK! CRACK!

Uh-oh! SQUISH TIME!

GO! GO! GO!

CRUSSHH!!

HA! WE GOT IT! NOW THERE'S NOTHING STANDING BETWEEN US AND BABYLON GARDEN!

Uh, BOSS?

THOSE GUYS ARE IN OUR WAY.

HELLO, BABYLON ROGUES. IT'S TIME TO MEET YOUR DESTINY.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE FLOWN OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE! BUT IS THEIR GOOSE REALLY COOKED? PICK UP THE NEXT ISSUE OF **SONIC UNIVERSE** TO SEE IF THEY CAN OUTRUN THE BATTLEBIRD ARMADA! IN THE MEANTIME, CHECK OUT **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, THE EVER-EXPANDING **SONIC** GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY, AND THE BRAND-NEW **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL** MAGAZINE!

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## OFF PANEL

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FOOLS! THEY CANNOT BE RID OF ME THAT EASILY!
ACTUALLY, THEY CAN. HAVE A SEAT. WE HAVE DONUTS!
SEGA CD PLAYER
HIP HOP NUTS!
RETIRED GENIE CHARACTERS

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**BABYLON RISING**

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**ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/8/11**

**Dear 'My Sonic Universe',**
I usually don't write to you guys, but the Scourge saga was so awesome, I had no choice. Scourge is my favorite character, and to get 4 whole issues about him was so cool. I loved Tracy Yardley's artwork, and the history of the Destructix along with Fiona's past made it even more fun to read. I hope to see more of our favorite green hedgehog soon. Keep up the good work!

**Robert W.**
**from Kentucky**

***Thanks, Robert! I think that the "Scourge" arc was my favorite too!***

**Dear 'My Sonic Universe',**
HI!!

***HI!***

I'm reading the Genesis series, and it's EPIC!!! I'm also reading the Scourge arc, and I have a few questions...

***That's what I'm here for! (Well, that and to read all 4 billion "don't kill Sally!" & the occasional "please kill Sally!" e-mails!)***

1) In the first comic of the Scourge arc, who is "King Acorn?!" Is it sally's DAD?! I sure hope not!

***The King Acorn you see in Zone Jail is indeed Sally's dad, but only in the evil "Moebius" zone! Sally's dad on Mobius prime isn't evil, just crotchety!***

2) Is the big bully "Smalls" an alternate big or something?! Cuz he sure looks like him!

***He is! And he does!***

3) Do you think the Werehog could have his own arc? He is one of my fav characters!! I'd like to see what you guys can come up with!

***A Werehog arc would make continuity a bit... hairy...ithankyou***

Well, I think that's it! Give a big hug to everybody that helps make this comic book possible! I'm a HUGE fan of Sonic!! He's my #1 hedgehog! I'll always be his biggest fan! HAPPY 20th, SONIC!!! We all love you! Keep on fighting for Mobius!!! I'll be rooting for 'ya!!

**Emily T.**
**sent to sonic@archiecomics.com**

***Thanks, Emily!***

***That's all for now! See y'all next month!***

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